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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 21, 2003 in connection with the above-captioned patent application, please consider the following remarks. Applicants enclose herewith a terminal disclaimer and a supplemental information disclosure statement.

**A listing of the pending claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks / Arguments** begin on page 17 of this paper.